

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants:	Andrew J. RIES, et al.	Examiner:	ALTER, Alyssa M.
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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In response to the Office Action mailed October 9, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response which, having been extended, is currently set to expire on **Monday, February 11, 2008**, entry of the following amendment and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

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Remarks begin on page 13.